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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. 176-2012

LETTER TO COMMISSION

·TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

July 9, 2012

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION NO. R2012-51

This LTC is to inform you that the City of North Miami Beach submitted Resolution R2012-51 for your review.

 Resolution No. R2012-51 – Urging And Encouraging The Florida State Legislature To Enact Legislation Banning The Marketing, Possession, Trafficking And Furnishing Of "Bath Salts" Containing Dangerous Synthetic Drugs.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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RESOLUTION NO. R2012-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION BANNING THE MARKETING, POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING AND FURNISHING OF "BATH SALTS" CONTAINING DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS.

WHEREAS, certain synthetic hallucinogenic drugs marketed as "bath salts" are powerful stimulant drugs that are suspected to have been designed to avoid prosecution; and

WHEREAS, "Ivory Wave", "Purple Wave", "Vanilla Sky", and "Bliss" are all among the many street names of a so-called designer drug known as "bath salts"; and

WHEREAS, with recent developments involving individuals use of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs, stricter measures must be taken to stop the growing prevalence of this designer drug; and

WHEREAS, dangerous drugs like "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs are terrorizing our communities and destroying lives; and

WHEREAS, citing an "imminent threat to public safety", the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") made illegal the possession or sale of all known chemicals used to make "bath salts" for a one-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council urge the DEA to make the ban permanent, in order to protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, by marketing these products as "bath salts" and labeling them "not for human consumption", specifically enumerating them as illegal has been avoided; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the abuse of "bath salts" has been increasing and have become increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high"; and

WHEREAS, "bath salts" are readily available on the internet, at convenience stores, discount tobacco outlets, gas stations, pawn shops, tattoo parlors, and other locations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that legislation banning the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs will give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our streets safe from this new and emerging drug that ruins lives and causes havoc in communities across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida.

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, hereby urge and encourage the State Legislature to enact legislation that bans the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs within the State of Florida.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott, and to all State Representatives, State Senators, the presiding Officers and Council members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and to Richard Kuper, Esquire, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Council at the regular meeting assembled this 19th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. LATIMORE

CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

GEORGE VALDEJO MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DARCEE S. SIEGEL CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith

Mayor and Council